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REMARKS

Claims 2-9 and 11-16 are pending in the instant application. Claims 2-9 and 11-16 have been rejected. Claims 2-9 and 11-16 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 17 and 18 have been added. Support for these claims is provided in the specification at page 14 and Example 3.

Applicants presented similar claims to new claims 17 and 18 in the amendment filed April 28, 2005. While the Examiner did not enter this amendment, he did acknowledge in the Advisory Action mailed May 24, 2005 that claims 17 and 18 would be allowed if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment.

Thus, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case and in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants are timely submitting this Supplemental Amendment canceling without prejudice rejected claims 2-9 and 11-16 and adding new claims 17 and 18 acknowledged by the Examiner to be allowable.

Entry of this amendment and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

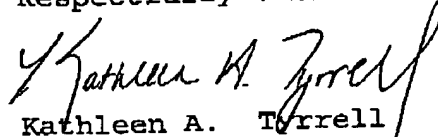
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Advisory Action of record. Accordingly,

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favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the
pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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